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Jonathan Wight
**Professor of Economics**
**Professor of International Economics, International Studies Concentration**
**Advisor: International Economics**

Profile

Policy Communicators Award 2010, Charles Koch Foundation and APEE, First prize
In-Character National Prize, Templeton Foundation, For best editorial writing on the human virtues. Co-winner with Douglas Hicks.
Templeton Award for Best Paper, Journal of Private Enterprise Education, For paper entitled, "Adam Smith and Greed"
Distinguished Educator Award, University of Richmond
Outstanding Teaching Award, Robins School of Business, University of Richmond
Outstanding Service Award, Robins School of Richmond, University of Richmond
National Danforth Fellow, Danforth Foundation, Awarded to graduate students interested in the ethical foundations of their disciplines.

"Adam Smith and Vernon Smith," ASE Summer School in Social Economics, Brock University, St. Catharines, Canada, June 2015.

"What Every Economist Needs to Know About Ethics," AEA's Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 2015.

"Adam Smith's Moral Theory in Five Diagrams," annual meeting of the Association for Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico, April 12-14, 2015.

"Teaching the Ethical Foundations of Economics," Thomas R. Brown Foundation, workshop co-leader (with John S. Morton), Tucson, AZ, March 8, 2014.

"Economics within a Pluralist Ethical Tradition," Presidential address to the Association for Social Economics, ASSA, Philadelphia, PA, January 2014.

"On Socio Economics: Sympathy and Moral Imagination," Practical Wisdom for Management Conference, Yale Center for Faith and Culture with the John Templeton Foundation, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, July 10, 2013.

"Adam Smith, Ethics and the Teaching of Economics," 24th Annual Teaching Economics Conference, Robert Morris University/McGraw Hill, Pittsburgh, PA, February 14, 2013.

"Economics and Ethics: Can They Co-exist?" Day workshop for Illinois Association of School Economics Teachers (IASET) Annual Spring Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, April 2012.

Wight B. Jonathan, Adam Smith in the Classroom, National Conference on Teaching Economics, Stanford University

Wight B. Jonathan, "Freedom, Government Growth and the Increasing Size of Cities"□, Association for Private Enterprise Education

Wight B. Jonathan, Morton S. John, "Teaching the Ethical Foundations of Economics", Workshop on Ethics and Economics, Tucson, AZ

Wight B. Jonathan, Imperialism and the Gains to Trade, Association for Private Enterprise Education

Wight B. Jonathan, Public Policy, Human Instincts, and Economic Growth, Association for Private Enterprise Education

Wight B. Jonathan, Morton S. John, "Teaching the Ethical Foundations of Economics", Workshop on Ethics and Economics, Tucson, AZ

Wight B. Jonathan, Blevins Benjamin, The Morals of the Mayan Marketplace, Association for Private Enterprise Education



Wight B. Jonathan, The Moral Limits to Markets, Virginia Association of

Economists

Wight B. Jonathan, The Moral Limits to Markets, Southern Economic Association

Wight B. Jonathan, A New High School Curriculum on the Ethical Foundations of Economics, Association for Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico

Wight B. Jonathan, Smith, Darwin, and the Invisible Hand: Implications for Economic Institutions, Association for Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico

Wight B. Jonathan, John S. Morton, Teaching the Ethical Foundations of Economics, Workshop on Ethics and Economics, Las Vegas, NV

Wight B. Jonathan, Top Ten Lessons on Ethics in Economics: The Templeton/NCEE Project , American Economic Association, Chicago, Illinois

Wight B. Jonathan, Martin Calkins, Smith and Friedman on Profit and Complex Motivations, Society for Business Ethics, Atlanta, GA

Wight B. Jonathan, The Market and Morality, Association for Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV

Southern Economic Association
International Adam Smith Society
Association for Private Enterprise
Association for Social Economics
American Economic Association
Previous positions include:

**Academic**

Visiting Scholar, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. (October 1997 - June 1998).

Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University. (1977 - 1982).

**Other**

Visiting Professor - Semester at Sea, University of Pittsburgh. (January 1991 - May 1991).

**Economics Department**

Departmental Diversity Advocate, Economics Department. (2010).

**Professional**

Board of Directors of a Company, Association for Social Economics, Vice President. (January 2011 - Present).

Session chair and session organizer, National Conference on Teaching Economics, American Economic Association, Stanford University. (June 2011).

Board of Directors of a Company, Powell Center for Economic Literacy, Member. (March 2008 - June 2011).

Outside reviewer - Promotion Committee, Economics Department, Texas Christian University. (2010).

Outside reviewer for Provost's Research Award, LaSalle University. (2010).

Attendee, Meeting, Summer Institute for the Preservation of History of Thought. (June 2010).

Attendee, Meeting, Liberty Fund. (May 2010).

Program Organizer, Liberty Fund. (January 2010).

Session Chair, Association for Social Economics. (January 2009).

PROMOTION - EXTERNAL REVIEWER, College of Staten Island. (December 2008).

Grant Proposal Reviewer, External, JOHN TEMPLETON

FOUNDATION. (December 2008).

Board of Advisors of a Company, História e Economia, Member. (2004 - 2008).

Session Chair, Virginia Association of Economists, annual meeting,. (March 2008).

**Public/Community**

Board of Directors of a Company, Aquia Church Association. (2001 - Present).

Board of Directors of a Company, Highland Support Project of Guatemala, Secretary. (1993 - Present).

**Robins School of Business**

Full Professors Committee. (August 17, 2006 - Present).

Committee Member, Full Professors Committee. (August 19, 2008 - May 11, 2009).

**University of Richmond**

PPEL Advisory Committee. (2009 - Present).

Committee Member, International Studies Advisors. (September 1988 - Present).

Center for Civic Engagement Steering Committee. (August 17, 2009 - May 7, 2011).

Day-long workshop on Reconceiving the Liberal Arts. Teagle Foundation, Office of the Chaplaincy. (October 2010).

Participant, Faculty Seminar, PPEL. (January 2010 - May 2010).

Committee Member, CCE Advisory Committee. (August 19, 2009 - May 10, 2010).

Committee Member, IS Advisory Committee. (August 19, 2009 - May 10, 2010).

Committee Member, PPEL Advisory Committee. (August 19, 2009 - May 10, 2010).

Calls to admitted students, Admissions Office. (April 2010).

Committee Member, Jepson School Promotion Committee External Reviewer. (August 2009 - December 2009).

Chairperson, Honorary Degrees Committee. (August 2007 - June 2009).

Committee Member, International Education Committee. (2007 - 2008).

Committee Member, Provost Search  Committee. (September 2007 - March 2008).

Selected Publications

# Books

*Ethics in Economics: An Introduction to Moral Frameworks* (Stanford University Press, 2015).

*Teaching the Ethical Foundations of Economics* (New York: The National Council on Economic Education, 2007), with John S. Morton.

Editor, Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (Hampshire, UK: Harriman House edition, 2007).

*Saving Adam Smith: A Tale of Wealth, Transformation, and Virtue* (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 2002).

*The Medical Offset Effect and Public Health Policy* (New York: Praeger, 1989), with John L. Fiedler.

# Articles

"The Ethics behind Efficiency," *The Journal of Economic Education* 28(1)(Winter 2017): 15-26.

"The Ethical Economist: Duty and Virtue in the Scientific Process," in *The Handbook of Professional Economic Ethics*, George DeMartino and Deirdre McCloskey, eds. (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

"Economics within a Pluralist Ethical Tradition," *Review of Social Economy* 72(4)(December 2014): 417-435.

"Instincts and the Invisible Order: The Possibility of Progress," in *Propriety and Prosperity: New Studies on the Philosophy of Adam Smith*, edited by David Hardwick and Leslie Marsh (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014).

"Sentiments and Motivations in Adam Smith and Vernon Smith," *Forum for Social Economics* 42(4)(2013): 298–301.

"Ethics and Critical Thinking," *The International Handbook on Teaching and Learning Economics*, in Gail Hoyt and KimMarie McGoldrick, eds. (Aldershot: Edward Elgar Press, 2012): 197-204.

"Preface: Emotions, Natural Selection, and Rationality," *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 77(1)(2011):1-3 (with Elias L. Khalil).

"Institutional Divergence in Economic Development," *The Adam Smith Review*, Vol. 6 (2011): 309-326.

"Public Policy, Human Instincts, and Economic Growth," *The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy* 15(3)(2011): 351-365.

"Ethics in the Mayan Marketplace," in Mark D. White, ed., *Accepting the Invisible Hand: Market-Based Approaches to Social-Economic Problems* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), with Benjamin Blevins and Guadalupe Ramirez, pp. 87-110.

"Adam Smith on Instincts, Ethics, and Informal Learning: Proximate Mechanisms in Multilevel Selection," *Review of Social Economy* 67(1) (2009): 95-113. Reprinted in Mark D. White and Irene van Staveren, eds., *Ethics and Economics: New Perspectives* (Routledge, 2009): pp. 166-184.

"Moral Reasoning in Economics," in David C. Colander and KimMarie McGoldrick, eds., *Educating Economists: The Teagle Discussion on Re-evaluating the Undergraduate Economics Major* (Edward Elgar, 2009): 53-58.

"Teaching Economics," *Handbook of Economics and Ethics* (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2009): 539-546.

"Sociability and the Market," *Forum for Social Economics* 39(2/3) (2009): 97-110.

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Education

B.A., Duke University 1976

Economics and Public Policy Studies

M.A., Vanderbilt University 1980

Economics

Ph.D., Vanderbilt University 1982

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